

News briefs

Call on pay problems

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — Air Force personnel officials ask all airmen with pay or bonus payment problems to call the Air Force Personnel Center's contact center by today.

As the Air Force's internal tax reporting deadline approaches, personnel officials want to ensure airmen have received all their pay and entitlements so they aren't faced with problems when tax season rolls around.

Officials want to make sure they have enough time to work with the Defense Finance and Accounting Service to resolve all cases in time for this tax year.

Common problems may include initial enlistment or re-enlistment bonuses, special or incentive pay, or problems with regular pay.

People can reach the contact center at DSN 665-2949 or (800) 558-1404. (Air Force Print News)

CFC

The 2001 Combined Federal Campaign, established for federal employees to donate money to agencies delivering needed services locally and throughout the world, ends Dec. 14.

The Eifel community to date has pledged more than \$181,000 toward the campaign, according to Master Sgt. Viking White, base CFC chairperson.

Groups and clubs on base are also eligible to contribute to CFC. For more information, call White at 452-6622.

White Swan schedule change

Beginning Dec. 16, the White Swan Airport Shuttle Service from the Eifel to Frankfurt International Airport and Rhein-Main Air Base departs 30 minutes earlier each morning.

The shuttle picks passengers up at the Bitburg Annex lodging at 5 a.m. and at Spangdahlem Air Base lodging at 5:30 a.m., seven days a week, except Christmas and New Year's days.

Priority for travelers is PCS, TDY and space available (or leave). For more information, call 452-6661.

Dorm baskets

People are needed to bake and donate homemade goodies to add to the annual dorm basket giveaways. Last year, more than 800 bags of goodies were delivered to dorm residents.

Items should be individually wrapped, but

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Enduring mission

Tech. Sgt. Tina Hillengass, a bioenvironmental technician from the 52nd Aerospace Medical Squadron, confers with Milan Stanev about the water purification tests she's conducting at Camp Sarafavo, Bulgaria. Hillengass is a member of the U.S. forces deployed to Burgas, Bulgaria, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom humanitarian missions. Stanev is an engineer with the Burgas water treatment department. The pair are comparing a bacteria-positive sample with that of a negative water sample.

Master Sgt. Blake R. Borsic

Spangdahlem unit supported OEF

Within 100 hours of receiving order, 22nd Fighter Squadron flies missions

By Staff Sgt. Cindy York
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

With the predictability of the current Air Expeditionary Force system, members of the 22nd Fighter Squadron knew for quite some time about the deployment they recently embarked upon; however, that wasn't the case when they deployed Oct. 7 to support Operation Enduring Freedom.

Within 100 hours of receiving the notification to deploy, Lt. Col. Tim Strawther, unit commander, said Stinger jets were flying combat missions in support of OEF.

In the 10 days that followed, they, along with F-15C's from Royal Air Force Lakenheath, England, flew escort and self-defense missions for C-17 Globemaster III cargo airlift

delivering aid to refugees in Afghanistan.

The biggest test wasn't at the deployed location; however, but getting everyone together to get there. The squadron, along with people from various support units around Spangdahlem Air Base, started processing about 24 hours after the initial notification to deploy came down. The challenge was that the notification arrived during a three-day weekend, which made it hard to contact some people. Those who were around to answer the phone weren't told anything.

"During the middle of a football game people were getting called with 'we need you in the squadron.' There were no explanations why," said Tech. Sgt. Roy Monroe, 22nd FS aircraft mechanic.

Despite the lack of details as to what was going on, there were no complaints, said Master Sgt. Robert Rentz, production

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Ramstein, Spangdahlem take on Rhein-Main mission

By Master Sgt. Randy L. Mitchell
USAFE News Service

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany — Although the actual transition won't occur until Dec. 31, 2005, recent events leave little doubt that Ramstein Air Base is replacing Rhein-Main AB as the U.S. Air Force's premier European transportation hub, with Spangdahlem AB playing a supporting role. Operation Enduring Freedom has

increased the number of airlift missions transiting Ramstein AB nearly 50 percent since the terrorist attacks against America Sept. 11. Only a few years ago, these same aircraft would have transited Rhein-Main AB.

Since the days of the Berlin Airlift, Rhein-Main AB has always been the "go to" base in terms of supporting airlift contingency operations; however, with the

scheduled closure of the base and subsequent draw down, all future contingency operations will be supported by Ramstein and Spangdahlem air bases.

Normally, Ramstein processes among their 80 movements daily about 20 strategic aircraft, according to Maj. K.P. Haueter, 86th Airlift Wing Rhein-Main Transition Program officer. Since Sept. 11, the men and women supporting OEF have seen a

surge to about 30 strategic, or long-range, missions per day.

Haueter said this big change from normal operations is not associated with the Rhein-Main AB transition to Ramstein AB. He said under normal operations, an average of eight additional aircraft movements daily are projected for Ramstein AB. It is because

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Accidents

By John W. Keeler

52nd Security Forces Squadron
Reports and analysis

Team Eifel members were involved in 26 vehicle accidents in the past week, six of which were major.

The first major accident occurred at the intersection of Saar Strasse and Sudalee Strasse in Trier. A German national rear-ended a family member while traveling at a high rate of speed through an intersection. The force of the rear-end collision caused the family member's vehicle to spin nearly 180 degrees. The family member sustained neck and back injuries, and the German national sustained an injury to his leg and foot. Neither was hospitalized.

An airman was involved in the second accident on a swift moving autobahn when he suddenly encountered slow moving traffic on A-8 near Leonberg, Germany. A German national directly behind didn't see the taillights of the vehicles ahead and rear-ended the airman's vehicle. There were no injuries.

The third accident happened on L-46 between Spangdahlem and Grandsdorf. An airman traveling in rain

hydroplaned on slick roads, lost control of his vehicle and crossed traffic before landing in a ditch.

An airman traveling in rain and slick roads attempted to round a corner, lost control and landed in a ditch in the fourth accident, which occurred on L-39 near Spiecher. There were no injuries.

The fifth accident occurred on B-50 near Herforst. An airman was traveling in rain, hydroplaned, lost control and collided with an oncoming vehicle. There were no injuries.

Another airman also traveling in rain became the final major accident statistic of the week. He lost control of his vehicle on B-50 near Albach and hit a guardrail. There were no injuries reported.

The 20 minor accidents involved:

■ Three from driving too fast for road conditions.

■ Four from improper backing.

■ Twelve from inattentive driving.

■ One animal strike.

In addition, nine citations were issued.

Aircraft from the 22nd Fighter Squadron wait for clearance to takeoff from the Spangdahlem Air Base flightline to support OEF as members of the fire department honor New York City firefighters.

Courtesy photo

OEF

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superintendent.

"The wing didn't want everyone on base to know what was happening," he said. "So, everything was taking place that's involved in getting people and aircraft out and no one was asking questions."

Another brief challenge was with training, but the problem didn't last long. "The chem. warfare people were there, combat arms ... people were out on the firing range Sunday night at 9," Rentz said.

"There wasn't one organization that didn't get touched to help us get out," Strawther said. "Everyone came in on a three-day weekend. Folks really made it

happen - even outside of their designated jobs. There was never an organization that said 'we can't do it.'"

With the help of everyone on base, the squadron was able to deploy by doing everything "from scratch."

"Normally, when we're going to practice this, people know it's going to happen," Strawther said. "This was done from a cold start and that's more difficult to do, but people made it happen."

Strawther said it was amazing how everyone and everything came together to pull off such an important mission.

"A lot of it boiled down to training, but a lot of it was the character of the people on base and in the 22nd Fighter Squadron," he said.

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of the humanitarian airlift contingency operations being processed now that aircraft movements have grown considerably.

During Operation Desert Storm, Rhein-Main AB hosted a military population of nearly 10,000 people — today the base has about 3,000 people and is no longer a wing, but an air base group assigned to the 86th Airlift Wing at Ramstein AB. Nearly all the airlift missions once flown through Rhein-Main AB are now being flown through Ramstein AB.

"Ramstein will become the 'Gateway to Europe,'" said Brig. Gen. Mark Volcheff, 86th Airlift Wing commander. "This distinction will bring more attention and an increased mission to Ramstein, which the men and women assigned here will proudly accept from Rhein-Main — a base with a rich tradition and history."

Even though Ramstein AB hasn't seen a large increase in the number of people assigned, they have seen the wing's mission grow immensely. This will become even more apparent in the next few years as construction begins to take place for the Rhein-Main AB transition.

Of course, not all of Rhein-Main's mission will be taken on by Ramstein AB. Spangdahlem AB assumes about 35 percent of the Rhein-Main AB mission.

"Spangdahlem will become one of Air Mobility Command's enroute support bases," said Pete Neukom, base Rhein-Main transition office manager. "Although the C-5, C-17 and similar heavy aircraft will not be physically stationed at our air base, we expect an average of four to six aircraft movements daily. We have been designated as a 'gas and go' facility able to handle about 70 short tons of supplies and up to 100 transient passengers daily."

There are 23 construction projects at Spangdahlem associated with the transition. Projects range from upgrading existing water systems, building new maintenance, billeting and storage facilities, upgrading runway and aircraft parking areas, Neukom said.

"There are 14 construction projects related to the transition currently being planned and designed (at Ramstein AB)," said John Thompson, Rhein-Main Transition program manager for United States Air Forces in Europe. "These projects include a

new runway, repair and lengthening of the old runway, additional ramp space, freight terminal, passenger terminal, base exchange and numerous other projects to upgrade the infrastructure of the base."

The transition will be funded through several sources, including the Frankfurt Airport, USAFE, NATO and the Federal Republic of Germany. The total cost will be nearly \$500 million.

"Significant construction projects on Spangdahlem AB commence in March 2003," Neukom said. "They'll center on improving the runway, taxiways and establishing 13 wide-bodied aircraft parking spaces."

A new passenger terminal is also near completion at Ramstein AB and is expected to open in the next few months. Once all phases of the new terminal are completed by 2005, it will eventually have five times the space of the current terminal and enable Ramstein AB to take on the Patriot Express missions currently transiting Rhein-Main AB. These are the Air Mobility Command operations that provide flights for people arriving and/or departing from assignments within Germany. (USAFE News Service)

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can include a few cookies or other goodies in each bag. People can drop off the items at the Spang Club 7-8 a.m. Dec. 19.

For more information, call Suzanne Hunt at 06575-903244 or Amanda Washington at 06575-903415.

Christmas tree sale

Local area Boy Scout Troops are selling Christmas trees at the Spangdahlem Air Base BX and Bitburg Annex commissary parking lots. Trees, which are German Blue Spruce and Danish Fir, range in size from 5 to 13 feet and cost between \$20-30.

Hours of operation are weekdays 5-7 p.m. and weekends noon-6 p.m. The Bitburg Annex tree lot is closed Monday. All proceeds benefit Eifel area Boy Scouts.

TLF hours

The 52nd Services Squadron temporary lodging facility desk hours recently changed to 5 a.m. to 5 p.m. People checking in after closing need to pick up keys at the Spangdahlem Air Base lodging desk in building 38.

For more information, call Valerie Smith at 452-0525.

BX hours

The Spangdahlem Air Base main exchange hours increased for holiday shopping. The exchange opens 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday through Dec. 21. Hours are 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Dec. 22, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Dec. 23 and 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Dec. 24.

Field training

Det. teaches nuts, bolts of flightline maintenance

By Senior Airman Jennifer Lindsey
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

Even the best technology can be rendered worthless without someone able to fix it when it breaks.

It's no different for Spangdahlem Air Base aircraft. Since technical training school doesn't cover everything a maintainer needs to know on the flight line, the Air Force turns to continuing education in the field.

Operating from a training shop within sight of the tarmac, 15 instructors of the 372nd Training Squadron, Detachment 17, offer wing maintainers formal training on repairing, replacing and troubleshooting all aspects of aircraft maintenance and support equipment.

"A student recently told me our classes allow maintainers to slow down and get a chance to read technical orders and understand them," said Capt. Michael Beasley, detachment commander and maintenance officer. "She also said it helps maintainers understand how and why things are done. It's hard to slow down and study theory of systems when you have jet engines screaming next to you.

"Putting the student in a classroom environment, where questions can be asked and explored, is the key to quality learning. After formal instruction, students are able to return to the flight line to receive follow-on training in the unit environment."

Air Education and Training Command instructors at Spangdahlem AB annually clock more than 10,500 hours of class time teaching courses, which range from four days to two months each.

"We offer everything from task certification for students straight out of technical school to familiarization and refresher courses for seasoned maintainers," Beasley said. "We also provide major command mandatory course listing training to help units meet new training plan requirements."

All detachment instructors are hand-picked volunteers chosen for their expertise, and desire and ability to teach, Beasley explained. Some instructors are the only one in their field in Europe, such as Tech. Sgt. William Perry who teaches fuels maintenance and Tech. Sgt. Charles Grounds who teaches egress maintenance. Additionally, the school supports an operating location in Germany and Italy, where instructors teach C-130

maintenance at Ramstein Air Base and F-16 maintenance at Aviano Air Base, Italy.

"Our challenge is teaching students who are at various level of performance based and practical knowledge," Grounds said. "How each maintainer would do a job can vary as well. That's why it's important for us to give students hands-on experience at doing the job by the book so they can understand the theory of operation, how things are supposed to work and how to make repairs."

When working on multi-million dollar aircraft, it's extremely important to know exactly what to do and how to do it to - that's why Det. 17 instructors use a variety of training aids, including the school's mock-ups and squadron aircraft when available, to make the students' experience as realistic as possible.

Once, while teaching at Aviano AB, Grounds said he performed actual egress maintenance on a squadron F-16 while training students.

"I fixed the jet, the students saw firsthand how the repairs would actually be done, and it freed up the shop there to do other urgent maintenance jobs," he said. "It was a win-win situation."

Maintenance troops can also gain expertise on the job and through career progression training. An advantage of formal training is that most of the courses offered through the 372nd TRS are Community College of the Air Force certified, Beasley said.

"This all adds up to two advantages. Not only do students gain valuable training from a professional instructor so they can do their jobs better," he said, "but they can also carry away a certificate, which helps them earn a CCAF degree."

The school also provides tailored training sessions to meet local needs.

"If you have troops who need parts of a course and not all the objectives, we can provide partial courses," Beasley said. "While long- to mid-range scheduling is important to us because of limited instructor availability, units shouldn't hesitate to ask for training whenever it's needed."

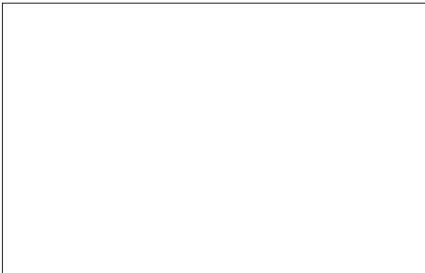
Providing hands-on experience, practical by-the-book training and college credits, the 372nd TRS detachment here offers maintainers another venue to get the continued education needed to keep Spangdahlem AB's jets flying.

Photos by Senior Airman Karen Silcott

Above, Electronic Technician 3rd Class Thomas C. Stevens, from Sigonella Naval Air Station, Italy, works on small components (at left) in the Micro/Miniature Electronic Repair Course with the 372nd Field Training Squadron, Detachment 17. Below, Tech. Sgt. Alvin Earp, tactical aircraft maintenance specialist instructor, covers landing gear maintenance with students in the F-16 Advanced Crew Chief Course taught by the local training squadron.

Colonial Days

BMS students steps back in time to learn history, science

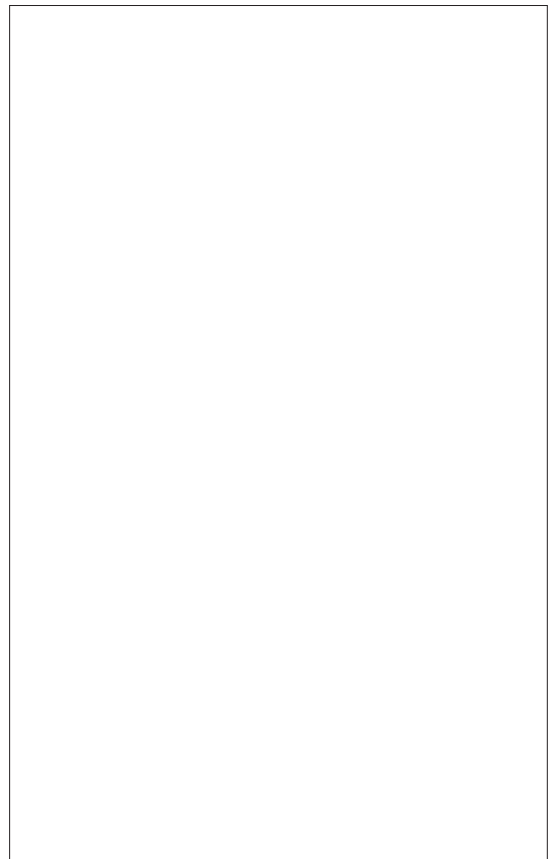


Photos by Staff Sgt. Tim Cook and Senior Airman Karen Silcott

Top, Brittany Marvin learns how the human body conducts electricity in Frank Allen's science class. Above, Jacqueline Strasses helps Cassandra Vogel with a counted cross-stitch project. Right, fifth-grade students learn to write with a quill and ink.



Far right, gifted education teacher Cindy Britt leads fifth-grade students in "Colonel School" during Bitburg Middle School's annual Colonial Days festivities Nov. 30. Right, Reggie Hamdeed and other fifth-graders demonstrate how to pull sheep's wool to make yarn. For the past eight years, BMS social studies teacher Susan Martz has put together the project aimed at teaching fifth-graders how people lived before today's modern conveniences.



Community Mailbox

SMS PTSA

A membership meeting and volunteer appreciation social takes place for the Spangdahlem Middle School Parent, Teacher, and Student Association at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in the school's media center.

For more information, call Mia Checkley at 06565-933303.

SMS awards

Quarterly awards for students in Spangdahlem Middle School are presented during a ceremony for fifth- and sixth-graders 1:11-2:35 p.m. Wednesday, and seventh- and eighth-graders 1:10-2:35 p.m. Dec. 14.

Both ceremonies take place in the multipurpose room. Call the school at 452-7250 for more information.

SES PTSA

A volunteer social and cookie exchange for the Spangdahlem Elementary School Parent, Teacher and Student Association takes place 8:30-10:30 a.m. Dec. 14 in the old gym.

For more information, call Rebecca Pryor or Donna Lennemann at 452-6881.

Christmas play

ACT-Eifel performs "The Rented Christmas" Dec. 14-15 and 21-22 at 7 p.m., and Dec. 16 at 2 p.m. in the Spangdahlem Air Base Community Activities Center.

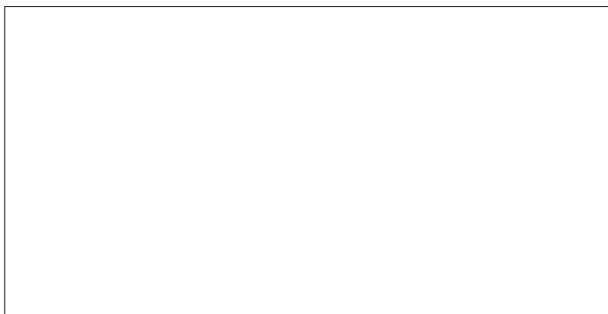
Tickets are available at the CAC. Prices are \$2 for adults, \$1 for 15 and under, or \$5 or a donated toy for the whole family.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Robert Benton at 452-5444, Dawn Bingman at 06562-966967, the CAC at 452-7381 or send an e-mail to act_eifel@yahoo.com.

Hunting class

An orientation meeting concerning a German hunting class takes place 5-6 p.m. Dec. 18 in outdoor recreation.

The meeting is intended for people



Doug Smithee/Bitburg High School

Take that

Jeremy Ponce, a returning European-place winner for the Bitburg High School wrestling team, puts a head and arm move on his Mannheim opponent during Saturday's Early Bird Wrestling Tournament. The Barons took 20 wrestlers to the nonscored Mannheim-hosted tournament, where 13 different schools from throughout Europe competed. BHS hosts its wrestling tournament starting at 10 a.m. Saturday in the high school gym. Five other schools will take part.

interested in taking the required 36-hour course to become a licensed hunter in the Rheinland Pfalzland.

For more information, call ODR at 452-7170.

Angel Trees

The Air Force Sergeant's Association, in conjunction with the base chapel, hosts this year's Angel Tree Project. The goal of the project is to provide gifts to children who may not receive gifts otherwise with a focus on young families or those facing financial hardship.

To participate, choose a card from a Christmas tree located at the Spangdahlem Air Base or Bitburg Annex main exchanges. Drop off unwrapped gifts at the exchange customer service counter, base chapel or with unit first sergeants by Dec. 19.

For more information, call Tech Sgt. Ruel Rafi at 452-6845 or Staff Sgt. Lawan Williams at 452-8285.

Winter arts festival

Spangdahlem Middle School invites the community to attend its "Winter Festival of the Arts" at 7 p.m. Dec. 20 in the multipurpose room. The school band and

chorus will perform, and student artwork will be displayed.

For more information, call Mia Checkley at 06565-933309.

Children's program

The Spangdahlem Air Base Chapel hosts a New Year's Children's Program for ages 5-13. Rehearsals take place 10-11:30 a.m. Saturday in the Spangdahlem AB Chapel through Jan. 5.

For more information, call Alaine Strozier at 06565-955898.

Singers wanted

Wing chapel services holds a Christmas concert at 7 p.m. Dec. 16 in the Bitburg Annex Chapel. Call the Spangdahlem Air Base Chapel at 452-6711 for more information.

Education news

■Applications for Term 3 spouse tuition assistance are now available at the education office and at the Bitburg Annex Post Office. Deadline for turn-in is Dec. 14.

■The DANTES External Degree program offers associate's through master's degrees through correspondence learning.

Review the DANTES catalog on the program Web site at <http://voled.doded.mil/dantes/dl/>.

■First-term airmen who enlisted May 5, 2000, or after may qualify for the College Loan Repayment program.

■First-term airmen who have registered for the Montgomery GI Bill and haven't noticed a payroll deduction from their paychecks need to stop by the education center with a copy of their GI Bill paperwork.

Call the base education office at 452-6063 or visit the office in Spangdahlem Air Base building 131 for more information.

Box Tops for Education

Spangdahlem middle and elementary schools parent, teacher and student associations join efforts for this year's Box Tops for Education drive.

The Spangdahlem Air Base Commissary placed a collection box in the foyer for people to donate General Mills box tops, which will be divided equally between the two schools.

General Mills, with more than 300 products, pays 10 cents for each box top. The middle school PTSA plans to buy a satellite dish and receiver for the school, the only one in the Eifel region without cable or satellite TV access. The elementary school PTSA hasn't yet decided what to buy with the proceeds.

Piano accompanist

Spangdahlem Middle School's chorus class needs an adult piano accompanist to rehearse with 9:30-11 a.m. at least once a week for the entire spring semester. To volunteer, call the school at 452-7255.

Family support center news

The following take place in Bitburg Annex building 2001. Call 452-9491 to register or for more information.

- Creative Critters 9-10 a.m. Monday.
- European jobseekers 6-8 p.m. Monday.
- Pre-deployment briefing 8-9 a.m. Wednesday.
- Local employment briefing 9-11 a.m. Wednesday.
- Train trip to Koln Christmas market, departs at 7:45 a.m. Thursday from the Bitburg Annex Commissary parking lot.

DeCA provides seniors source for scholarships, nearly 400 given in 2001

By Bonnie Powell
DeCA

FORT LEE, Va. - With school nearing the halfway point, it's time for military families with high school seniors and college students to "shop" for money to pay the cost of higher education.

Believe it or not, parents can do this shopping at the commissary. Applications for the second Defense Commissary Agency/Fisher House Foundation Scholarships for the Military Children Program are available as of Saturday in the Spangdahlem Air Base and Bitburg Annex Commissaries and for download at www.commissaries.com.

"The response from military families to the 2001 program was fantastic," said Air Force Maj. Gen. Robert Courter, Jr., DeCA director. "More than 5,000 students applied for the scholarships and through the generosity of our industry partners nearly 400 scholarships were awarded. We expect to double the applications and even more scholarships in 2002."

Qualified children of U.S. military ID card holders, including active duty, retirees, guard and Reserve may apply for the \$1,500 scholarships. Eligibility of applicants, including survivors of deceased members, will be determined using the Defense Department ID Card Directive. The deadline to apply is Feb. 5.

Two major changes to the 2002 program are students no longer have to show their ID at the commissary when turning in their applications and those who don't live near a commissary may mail their applications to their closest commissary.

Student eligibility will be verified through the Defense Enrollment and Eligibility Reporting System before scholarships are awarded. Sponsors should ensure their children are enrolled in DEERS before applying.

A permanent information page for the scholarship program has been added to www.commissaries.com, under the link "What's New."

At Your SERVICE

SPANGDAHLEM

Chapel

- ▶ Catholic Mass: 11:45 a.m. Wednesday-Friday; 5 p.m. Saturday; and 9:15 a.m. Sunday
- ▶ Jewish service each second and fourth Friday at 7 p.m.
- ▶ Catholic religious education, 11 a.m. Sunday
- ▶ Protestant Sunday worship: 11:15 a.m.
- ▶ Protestant Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.
- ▶ Korean worship, 1 p.m. Sunday

Commissary

- ▶ Monday-Wednesday and Friday, 9 a.m.-6:30 p.m.
- ▶ Thursday, 9 a.m.-8 p.m.
- ▶ Saturday, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
- ▶ Sunday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Main exchange

- ▶ Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.
- ▶ Sunday, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

Child development center

- ▶ Monday-Saturday, 6 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

BXtra (shoppette)

- ▶ Monday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.

Gas station

- ▶ Monday-Saturday, 6 a.m.-8 p.m.
- ▶ Sunday, 8 a.m.-7 p.m.

Outdoor recreation

- ▶ Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
- ▶ Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Airmen's Attic

- ▶ Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

Bowling center

- ▶ Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m.-10 p.m.
- ▶ Friday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-midnight
- ▶ Sunday, noon-9 p.m.

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Chapel

- ▶ Catholic Mass: 9:15 a.m. Tuesday and 11:30 a.m. Sunday
- ▶ Catholic religious education: 9:45 a.m. Sunday
- ▶ Confessions, 10:45 a.m. Sunday
- ▶ Protestant Sunday worship: 8:15 a.m. liturgical; 9:35 a.m. contemporary; and 1 p.m. Gospel
- ▶ Protestant Sunday school: 11:30 a.m.

Child development center

- ▶ Monday-Saturday, 6 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

Commissary

- ▶ Monday, closed
- ▶ Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m.
- ▶ Saturday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
- ▶ Sunday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Shoppette

- ▶ Monday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.

Furniture store

- ▶ Monday, closed
- ▶ Tuesday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

Main exchange

- ▶ Monday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

Gas station

- ▶ Monday-Saturday, 6:30 a.m.-7 p.m.
- ▶ Sunday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

Car care center

- ▶ Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.
- ▶ Saturday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
- ▶ Sunday, closed

Airmen's Attic

- ▶ Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

Oberweiss Annex

Pet spa

- ▶ Monday-Saturday, 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

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- DirectLine@spangdahlem.af.mil
- Mailed to 52nd FW/PA, Unit 3680 Box 220, APO AE 09126
- To public affairs in building 23.
- Concerns may also be sent via fax to 452-5254.

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Commander's view

Intensity. . .it's all a matter of attitude

By Lt. Col. Scott A. Kiser
52nd Contracting Squadron commander

Tiger Woods, at age 25, is a masterpiece in work. His "Shermanesque" march through the 2000 U.S. Open Golf Tournament stunned even the most ardent Woods followers as he mowed down his competitors and brought the legendary Pebble Beach Golf Course to its knees.

"Kill them," Kuldida Woods used to say when her young son went off to face the competition. Now that's intensity. In the course of 294 days, Woods conquered all four "majors" and took the Grand Slam title of golf. His record-shattering performances and impact on his profession, the game of golf, is perhaps measured best by the term "Tiger-proofing", meaning to alter, redesign or toughen up a course.

During the past decade, the Air Force profession has also been dramatically altered. We all hear about or have experienced increased operations tempo, longer work shifts, more deployments and the potential for lengthening Air Expeditionary Force cycles to the max and an ever-increasing e-mail traffic flow. To toughen up to meet these challenges, people might consider doing an internal self-assessment and adopt a "Tiger-attitude."

■ Endeavor to win every time you play: Always seek to win. Woods' internal fire to excel fuels his focus to win and overcome obstacles. We all face challenges, particularly given recent world events. We'll need to stretch a little farther and deliver our best game, every day.

■ Continuously raise the bar: Do a little self-assessment on your daily, weekly and monthly work production. Are you at your professional peak or just in a comfortable, cozy, laid back mind-set and "just cruising?" Tiger's friend, some basketball player named Michael Jordan and also known for his intensity, once told Woods, "Always keep working on your game." Though we all can't be pegging our RPMs 24/7/365, are you honestly expecting yourself to perform, through greater expectations, to higher levels?

■ Constantly reconstruct your skill set: After dominating the 1997 Masters Golf Tournament via 300-yard drives, great approach shots and on-target putting, Woods told his friends, "My swing really sucks." He completely overhauled his swing (stance, back swing, downswing, impact and follow through) that had already won millions of dollars in tourney money and brought him more than \$60 million in endorsements. Now that's intensity to excel. Review how you do things. Are your skills sharper or are you reinforcing a "that's the way we've always done it attitude?"

■ Seek honest mentoring and help: Sometimes you need to step back from your work to gain a different perspective and a truthful mentor is a big help. Woods used a personal coach, Butch Harmon, who worked through his swing makeover. Harmon helped as Woods pounded thousands of balls, reviewed videotapes and then tweaked his swing to get the most out of the process improvement. Seek someone who will give it to you straight without a lot of flowery words, is brutally honest and truly wants you to improve.

■ Define a personal satisfaction level: Defining a singular and highly personal level of satisfaction allows you to clearly focus and energize toward the goal. Interviews with premier athletes like Woods indicate they don't seek the money, but rather they drive themselves to an intense, personal satisfaction level. Woods clearly seeks to be recognized as the greatest golfer of all time. What's your personal satisfaction goal?

■ Be open to learning and using new equipment: Stay up with the latest computer technology and software, which rolls over about every 18 months. Woods constantly analyzes the tools of his trade to augment and improve his golf skills. Though technical orders, Air Force instructions and policies may change even more often, seek the right answer and get the right training for you and your folks.

■ Be determined (even if the odds are against

you): Many times it seems there are simply too many changes and not nearly enough time. Although we may see Woods on television Thursday through Sunday, we never see the thousands of hours of practice time, course management planning sessions with his coach and his countless hours of hard work on his profession. Similarly, we all must work hard with consistent determination to improve and win.

■ Become a point person: Woods leans forward and his intensity is changing the face of golf. Since joining the PGA tour, he's added 20 pounds of muscle to his 6-foot-2-inch frame. Many other golf pros, like David Duval, have started "hitting the weights" to increase their strength just to keep pace. When older players mentioned they partied until late and played hung-over, sober-faced Woods said, "That doesn't work anymore." We are visible representatives of our profession, what are you projecting?

■ Define and execute a plan: Redefine your expectations, assess your strengths and weaknesses, define your goals and clearly focus on your determined direction. Woods is often compared to Jack Nicklaus, who like Woods, shares a first-rate mental game. They approach a tournament with a clear goal and expectation to win, and a "course management" plan. This enables them to stay in the present, focus on hitting one shot at a time and thus handle major tournament pressure that can crush other fine players. Pick your plan and execute it better than your competitors.

■ Stay uncomfortable: Do you have 10 to 15 years of experience, or do you have a year of experience 10 to 15 times over? Are you vying for new, more challenging positions, which may make you uncomfortable for a while until you learn the ins and outs, or are you sitting in the same cozy job for years? Challenge yourself, nudge yourself out of the comfort zone and enjoy great new successes.

By following this championship 10-step formula, maybe you, too, can become a "tiger."

Perspective

By Master Sgt. David A. Berry
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When many people think of the holiday season, they picture nativity scenes and Santa Claus, but there is another holiday many know little of — Hanukkah, the Jewish festival of lights.

This year, Hanukkah begins Sunday evening. It's rooted deeply into the Jewish past. It was around 175 B.C. that the Jewish people were under the rule of the Seleucid Greek empire. The ruler of the time, Antiochus the Fourth, had decided everyone in the empire would worship the same Greek gods.

He eventually outlawed the Jewish religion, Sabbaths, rituals such as circumcision, and even the holy days. One day, in the town of Modin, a certain Jew named Mattathias slew one of his brethren making a sacrifice to one of the pagan gods. This action started a civil war that lasted nearly four years.

After his death, his son Judah, called Macabbee, the "hammer", would take over the fight. In the end, the Jewish people would win their freedom and rededicate their Temple in Jerusalem. Legend has it that when the high priest attempted to light the Great Menorah

(candelabra), only one vial of oil could be found. Miraculously, this vile burned for eight days, giving us the eight days and nights of Hanukkah.

As with any other holiday, there are many traditions and foods that accompany it. One such tradition is eating potato pancakes, or Latkes. We eat them because being fried in copious amounts of oil, they remind us of the oil that miraculously burned for eight days and nights. You see, one vile was supposed to burn only for a day, not eight. What a miracle!

Hanukkah also has a lesson for

all of humanity. Being the first recorded fight for religious freedom, it teaches us to respect the rights and beliefs of all people, whatever they may be. Since all of humanity has a common ancestor, we are a human family and we must be our brothers' and sisters' keeper, letting the sound of freedom ring. This is especially true of religious freedom.

This year, Spangdahlem Air Base commemorates Hanukkah by holding a Menorah lighting ceremony at 5 p.m. Monday in front of the chapel. A reception and display of antiques from the era follow.

Movies

All movies play at 7 p.m. unless otherwise indicated. More movie synopsis information is available at:
www.aafes.com/europe/eur_mov/snop.htm

Bitburg Castle

Today

13 Ghosts (R)

When Dr. Zorba dies, he leaves his house to his nephew, who moves in with his daughter. With the house come 13 ghosts. There's a fortune hidden somewhere in the house and somebody wants it.

Saturday

13 Ghosts

Sunday

Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back (R)

The comic "Bluntman and Chronic" is based on real-life stoners Jay and Silent Bob, so when they get no profit from a big-screen adaptation they set out to wreck the movie.

Closed Monday and Tuesday

Wednesday

Jeepers Creepers (R)

After making a horrific discovery in the basement of an old abandoned church, Trish and her brother Darryl watch their routine road trip home from college turn into a heart-stopping race for their lives. They find themselves the chosen prey of an indestructible force that relentlessly pursues them.

Thursday

Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back

Spangdahlem Skyline

Today

Hardball (PG-13)

When Conor O'Neill tries to borrow money from a friend to pay for his gambling habit, the loan is on the condition that he coaches a Little League baseball team from the Cabrini Green housing projects. Meanwhile, off the field, O'Neill finds himself falling for the children's teacher, Miss Wilkes. As he begins to fully embrace his new role as a coach and father figure, tragedy strikes and teaches O'Neill a much more valuable life lesson.

Domestic Disturbance (9:30 p.m., R)

Frank Morrison, a divorced father, discovers his son Danny's new stepfather, Kurt, is not what he made himself out to be. Danny tells his father he saw Kurt murder someone, and now Danny must live in the same house with a killer. Nobody believes Danny, except his father. Morrison sets out on a mission to rescue his son from a life-threatening situation.

Saturday

Two Can Play That Game (R)

When it comes to matters of the heart, keeping her man happy and committed is all in a day's work for Shante Smith. But when her boyfriend Keith is caught stepping out with her arch-rival, Smith institutes a plan to get her man in line. Smith's about to discover not only are there no rules - she's not the only one playing.

Domestic Disturbance (9:30 p.m.)

Sunday

Hardball

Monday

Two Can Play That Game

Tuesday

Hardball

Closed Wednesday and Thursday

Times and movies are subject to change.
For the most current information,
call 452-9441.

Nearby abbey withstands test of time

Area people partly to thank for preservation of old site

By Iris Reiff

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Time has taken its toll on many historical sites in the Eifel Region, but one place — the abbey in Himmerod — has survived in part thanks to the efforts of a few area people.

Himmerod lies in a valley a few kilometers north of the base. The abbey, designed by the Archbishop Alber of Trier, was completed in 1178. The archbishop, anxious to have a Cistercian (from the type monastery founded in Citeaux, France) foundation in his diocese, begged Saint Bernard of Clairvaux to send monks to work and pray.

Bernard, a vital force behind monastic life during that period, sent monks to a site not far from the town of Kordel, near Trier. Later, when Bernard arrived, he rejected the site as too restricted and found Himmerod well away from towns and main roads. He and the monks then set about to build a Romanesque-style church of the period in 1138.

Today, all that remains of the original structure is a small pillar and a few gravestones. By the 17th century, much of the church was rebuilt in a conservative late gothic style.

The church was rebuilt again in the 18th century in the current baroque style and won the hearts of countless visitors. A noble west façade was created and serves a dual purpose — it gives the vertical

sense to the building and adds stability to the structure. During World War II the abbey served as a hospital and suffered some bomb damage.

When Himmerod was founded the immediate vicinity was uncultivated. The monks planted woods and gardens, and established a fishery. Cistercian monks also developed the technique of building vineyards on the steep slopes of the Mosel valley. New grapevines were introduced and wine became an important source of income for the abbey.

Today, Himmerod is no longer a ruin but a living abbey and tourist attraction. Many pilgrims come here year-round. Visitors come to the monastery for special services, to meet friends and loved ones, and to hear the history of the abbey. Others seek advice and help or spend a weekend of meditation and silence, guided by a monk.

For those who would like to purchase a souvenir after the visit, there is a small store near the abbey. The monks also cook for visitors in the nearby restaurant.

Many people attend church services in Himmerod on weekends or the Christmas Eve midnight mass, often held in Latin.

To get to the abbey, take a right out the main gate onto L-46, drive through Schwarzenborn and Eichelhueette, and look for the Himmerod sign.

The Cistercian monks are thankful about the fact that Team Eifel members have been helping them for years with major fall clean-ups. With motor scythes, lawn mowers, rakes and other garden tools, they cultivate the cloister gardens for one entire day, giving the abbey a new appearance.

Out and about

■Bitburg's ice rink is now open for the winter season. Lessons are available for children 4-6 p.m. each Wednesday. For more information about ice-skating and lesson prices, call ice rink officials in Bitburg at 06561-8447.

■Stores in Germany remain open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. the four Saturdays before Christmas for people to complete their Christmas shopping thing. Since Trier gets fairly crowded during this time of year, it's recommended to follow Park and Ride signs and use the free shuttle bus system into the city. Trier's Weihnachtsmarkt continues through Dec. 22 in the Hauptmarkt, or main market square, and in front of the Dom cathedral. The market is open 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Sunday.

■Plan to attend and have fun at the Landscheid Christmas market 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 16 - the closest market to the base. Choir performances, including the base Gospel choir at 4 p.m., a visit by Santa and an angel at 2:45 p.m., and more can be found at the market.

■Enjoy Christmas Moments, a concert and show where

Thomas Schwab and his 24-person ensemble take people through the Christmas season with a variety of classical, popular and international Christmas songs. Tickets traditionally sell quickly. Performances in the local area take place Saturday and Sunday in the Bernkastel-Kues Moselland hall, Dec. 12 inside the Wittlich Atrium hall and Dec. 15 and 16 in the Trier Europa hall. Tickets are available through Santana Musical Production at 06531-94404 or via fax at 06531-9446. For more information about this event, go to www.Christmas-Moments.de.

■The Speicher museum hosts a special Christmas exhibition 2-6 p.m. Sunday, where people can learn about the lifestyles, habits and trades of the Eifel ancestors and how people lived during and after the war during the holidays. Ancient Christmas ornaments and nativities can be seen. The museum is located across the street from the Speicher Rathaus (city hall) near a pizzeria. For more information about the event or the museum in general, call 06562-2023.

■Styx-Projektionen, a unique media exhibition and show, takes place through Sunday

inside the Kunst auditorium of Trier's European Art Academy. About 10 renowned, international artists present their works at this exhibition. The exhibition is open 4-9 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 2-8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. For more information about the event or directions to the academy, call 0651-9984622.

■A fairly new photo and film museum is one attraction in Vianden, Luxembourg. Visitors can find more than 750 exhibition pieces spread among three floors. The museum is open 1-6 p.m. daily, except Monday. Entry is 100 Lux Francs, about \$2.50. For more information about the museum or directions, call 00352-325202.

■Listen to a classical concert at 7 p.m. Dec. 18 in the Bitburg Beda Haus cultural center. Tickets cost 18 DM for adults and 9 DM for students and children. Call 06561-96450 for more information or to reserve a ticket.

■Shop at a flea market Saturday and Sunday inside and outside the Kroev Halle; at the Pruem Mehrzweck hall; at the Trier Messepark hall; inside and outside the Trier-Feyen Flohmarkt hall; at the

Baumholder Weiherplatz; at the Kaiserlautern Messeplatz; in front of the Saarbruecken Hela-Center; at the Ramstein Flohmarkt hall; at the Wiesbaden Roncalli-Haus; and Sunday only in front of the Schweich Edeka store.

Information, Tickets and Tours offer the following trips in December. Children prices are for ages 3-12 unless otherwise indicated. For more information, call the Spangdahlem location at 452-6567 or the Bitburg Annex facility at 06561-945937.

■Nuernberg Christmas market, Saturday, \$40 for adults, \$35 for children, departs the Bitburg Annex at 4 a.m. and Spangdahlem AB at 4:30 a.m.

■Valkenburg caves, Saturday, \$25 for adults, \$25 for children, departs Spangdahlem AB at 8:30 a.m. and the Bitburg Annex at 9 a.m.

■Strasbourg Christmas market, Dec. 15, \$35 for adults, \$25 for children, departs Spangdahlem AB at 7 a.m. and the Bitburg Annex at 7:30 a.m.

■Krippana nativity exhibit, Dec. 15, \$35 for adults, \$25 for children ages 6-14, departs Spangdahlem AB at 8:30 a.m. and the Bitburg Annex at 9 a.m.